

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether any person has been held responsible in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

### Railway Hospitals

1062. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Railway hospitals opened during each of the last three years, location-wise;

(b) the details of the Railway hospitals under construction at present, location-wise; and

(c) the time by which these hospitals are likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) One each at Nishatpura and Amla on Central Railway and one at Tinsukia on Northeast Frontier Railway.

(b) One at Pune, One at Ambala Cantt and one at Sambhalpur on Central, Northern and South Eastern Railways respectively.

(c) At Pune in 1997-98, at Ambala Cantt by April '97 and at Sambhalpur by April '98.

### Pension Scheme

1063. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Provident Fund Subscribers opted for under Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 as on date;

(b) the number of persons benefited under the said scheme as on date;

(c) the number of applications seeking pension after superannuation/retirement under the said scheme are pending with the concerned authorities as on date; and

(d) the plans initiated by the concerned authorities to disburse the pension?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) The Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 was enforced w.e.f. 16.11.1995. The scheme is compulsory for all the employees who have been members of the ceased Family Pension Scheme, 1971. It is also compulsory for the persons who became members of the Provident Fund on or after 16.11.95. As on 14.2.97, pension under the new scheme has been disbursed among 1,09,209 beneficiaries.

(c) 15,684 (As on 31.12.96).

(d) In order to ensure disbursement of pension on regular basis, necessary agreement has been made by the EPF Organisation with the nationalised banks. A massive computerisation programme has also been launched for providing prompt service to the EPF subscribers.

### Survey Report of Angamaly-Muvattupuzha-Sabarimala Rail Line

1064. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the report of survey of Angamaly-Muvattupuzha-Erumely-Sabarimala railway line has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work has been included in the Budget 97-98 to be taken up after obtaining the necessary clearances.

### Investment of Provident Fund

1065. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to allow investment of provident fund money in selected private sector bonds and debentures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any study in this regard and have also consulted the Central Trade Unions regarding this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

### Air Crashes

1066. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of air crashes taken place during this year, so far;

(b) the number of persons killed therein;

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the family members of the deceased;

(d) the value of property lost therein; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such crashes in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) During 1997 (till date) there has been one accident of Indian Civil registered aircraft belonging

to Aviation Training Centre, Kerala at Bangalore on 22.2.97.

(b) Two.

(c) The amount of compensation has not yet been determined.

(d) The aircraft costing about Rs. 8.8 lakhs has been destroyed.

(e) Safety steps such as safety audit of operators, implementation of recommendations emanating from investigation of aircraft accidents and hazardous incidents, monitoring of flight recorders, issuance of Civil Aviation Requirements, conducting safety seminars/meetings, inspection of aerodromes, etc. are continuously taken to avoid occurrence of air crashes.

#### Vulgarity in Doordarshan Programmes

1067. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether vulgarity is being displayed in the country on a large scale without any check and the Doordarshan Kendras are also no exception of it;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the time by which the Indian Penal Code and Representation of the Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 and other related Acts, are likely to be amended?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Review of laws is a continuing process. The National Commission for Women has a mandate to examine various laws relating to women which provide constitutional and legal safeguards to them. The Commission's recommendations are sent to the concerned Departments/Ministries. Presently, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Women and Child Development) is in the process of reviewing the legislation "Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986" in consultation with the concerned Departments/Ministries. This exercise is likely to take some time.

[English]

#### Foreign Tourists

1068. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the number of foreign tourists visited India during each of the last three years and upto December 31, 1996, state-wise/UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : According to the information collected from accommodation units by the State/UT Governments, the estimated foreign tourist visits during each of the last three years were as follow :-

State	Estimated Foreign Tourist Visits		
	1994	1995	1996
1. Andhra Pradesh	48720	84092	69988
2. Assam	350	479	938
3. Bihar	45543	49186	52973
4. Goa	210191	229218	232359
5. Gujarat	6001	3005	5863
6. Haryana	1284	2222	2315
7. Himachal Pradesh	51824	47903	50230
8. Jammu & Kashmir	24683	20589	23787
9. Karnataka	46654	59991	64788
10. Kerala	104568	142972	185863
11. Madhya Pradesh	75673	91934	99012
12. Maharashtra	786921	881351	949215
13. Manipur	559	288	218
14. Meghalaya	577	1172	1604
15. Mizoram	115	119	90
16. Nagaland	194	39	54
17. Orissa	26024	28231	32828
18. Punjab	5309	5415	5831
19. Rajasthan	436801	534749	575924
20. Sikkim	7132	5866	6901
21. Tamil Nadu	496721	585751	609306
22. Tripura	-	-	2
23. Uttar Pradesh	571000	617000	664509
24. West Bengal	163208	181489	181781
25. Andaman & Nicobar	3798	3849	5796
26. Chandigarh	8246	8559	9017
27. Daman & Diu	3341	3682	3965
28. Delhi	892007	1007967	1113803
29. Lakshdeep	1743	664	715
30. Pondichery	11029	11697	12597
Total	4030216	4609479	4962272

[Translation]

#### Scheme for Small Aircraft

1069. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated to manufacture small aircraft with indigenous technology;